

New Claimant of Discovering America

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—How many persons discovered America before Christopher Columbus? The latest addition to the line of claimants is Jon Skjold, a Norwegian explorer. Skjold, a Danish seaman who has recently made a report founded on research of archives of the middle ages, has completed a work which "proves" that Skjold, the Norwegian, "rediscovered America" in 1416, 16 years ahead of Columbus and 28 years before John Cabot reached the Strait of Hudson.

Skjold uses the term "rediscovered" considering that the original discoverer was Leif Erickson the Norwegian in the year 1000. Late in the 14th century, he says, that about 1416 the king of Portugal sent a message to the king of Denmark and Norway, Christian I, requesting him to fit out an expedition and attempt to find a sea passage to Asia—in reality a north-west passage. An old document to Skjold was found in the Danish state archives. The expedition was headed by the Norwegian-German explorer, Didrik Pious, and sailed in the Norwegian ship, the "Hugin". It was a voyage of discovery, having reached as far as Labrador and found part of the actual entrance to the north-west passage.

In his old Spanish geographical atlas on America, first published in 1589 by Sebastian Lopez de Gomara, son of Seville, it is mentioned that Labrador was reached by the first time by Norwegian sailors, headed by Didrik Pious. This information was first made public by the Norwegian professor of history, Gustav Storm, in 1886. But at that time the part of the history of the

discovery was still in its infancy, and isolated as it was then, the information naturally had to be used with great caution. Later on new material was found pointing in the same direction. One of the sources was a famous globe, dating from 1542 and made by the Dutch physician and mathematician, Gemma Frisius, who points out that North America was reached in 1456 by Dr. Johannes Scolvus.

FRANCE LOSING LEAD IN SILKS

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—A comparatively large silk growing area based on the high crop would soon be established that would rival the silk area of France. The American silk industry has been losing its lead in the world market to France. The American silk industry has been losing its lead in the world market to France. The American silk industry has been losing its lead in the world market to France.

According to recent figures, the production of French silks has increased by 10 per cent in the last year. The American silk industry has been losing its lead in the world market to France. The American silk industry has been losing its lead in the world market to France.

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consequent saving, a constructive program of legislation and administration of all useless activities. We must elect business men equipped with energy, business training and experience to all state and legislative offices, to provide for and anticipate future needs, men who have demonstrated that they possess the ability and character essential to the conduct of high office, men not seeking to prove an affinity and "passing the buck" in the interests of personal aspiration and political pressure, but who are willing to "stand up" in the interests of the state and efficiency and reduction of taxation.

MANY MURDERS IN FRENCH CAPITAL

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)
PARIS, Sept. 26.—So frequent has been the murder of taxicab drivers by unscrupulous customers who would deprive them of their day's earnings, that the Parisian chauffeurs are experiencing a nervous crisis. After three drivers were shot in the back of the head by their passengers, the taxicab drivers asked Prefect of Police Baux to be permitted to carry revolvers and to carry along in the seat with them "a dog of the Great Dane Newfoundland or larger variety." Their request is being discussed at headquarters.

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Many Opportunities in Guatemala for Capital

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 26.—The recent presidential election in Guatemala will have a beneficial effect upon commercial interests in the United States, says Dr. Edwin H. Smith, of Kansas City, Kansas, who is stationed here for Guatemala and Central America for Guatemala and Nicaragua.

American investors in Guatemala are fortunate in the recent election in the presidency of Guatemala a man, Herrera, by an overwhelming majority after the enforced withdrawal of Manuel Cabrera, Dr. Smith said. "Cabrera was another man. While he had done much for the country, he had been an autocrat for many years, and would not allow another candidate for president to be presented. The new president is much more in sympathy with Americans and American ideals."

There is a great need of a better understanding between the U. S. and the republics of Central and South America. The most crying need is for improved mail service. United States mail is very uncertain in South America. Steamship companies have fulfilled their contracts when the mail has been unloaded in the wharf and distribution is left largely to chance. Improved consular service and better shipping facilities from the United States to South America are greatly needed.

"American commercial interests need salesmen educated in the language and business conditions of the country," Dr. Smith said. "The progress of the country is being retarded by internal dissension. Dr. Heath, an American, is a noted South American expert. His explanation is that the Rio Madre de Dios and the Rio Beni are the main sources of trouble. A river south of the Rio Beni is named after Dr. Heath."

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By order of the Board of Directors
E. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.
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L. E. GLASS, County Clerk.